

## Still man's world

A proposal to open the National Press Club to women has failed by a wide margin even tho twice as many members voted for the ladies as against them.

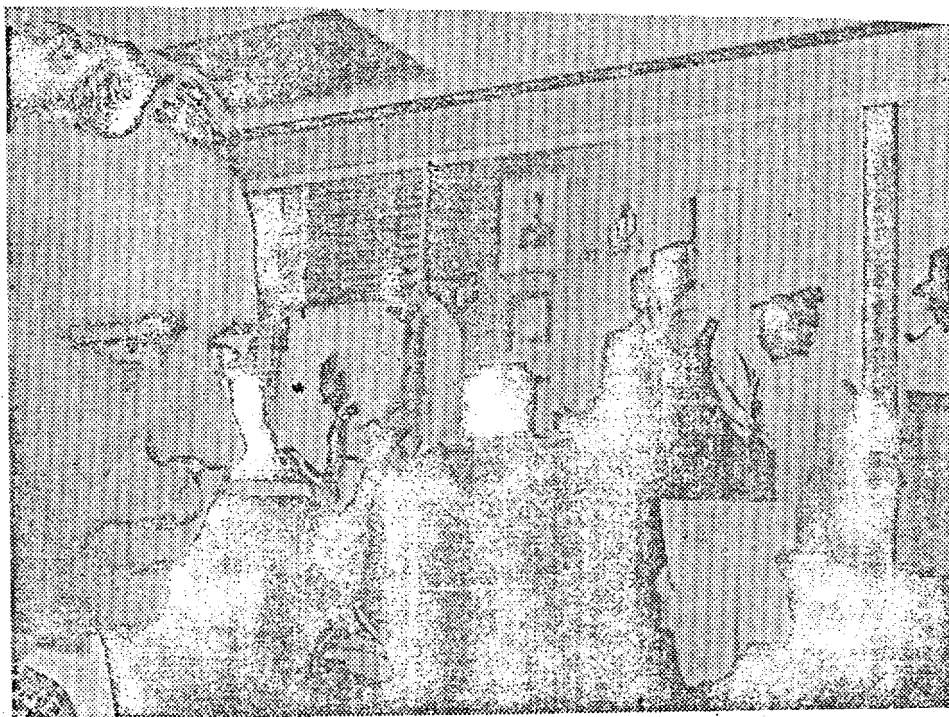
A two-thirds majority of the club's 1,063 members, 709 affirmative votes, was required to pass the proposal.

But when the votes were counted late yesterday, only 769 of the 778 votes received were held valid. The pro-women vote was 522 and the status quo vote was 243. There were four abstentions.

In announcing the totals, Board of Governors chairman Don Larrabee said he was personally disappointed. "It is our professional responsibility to admit women," he said. "That gets to the heart of the club."

He said he hoped the proposal would be brought up again for a general vote at the annual meeting on the third Friday of Jan2uary.

One member of the Board of Governors who disagreed was Warren Rogers of the Los Angeles Times. "Women are having too much fun screaming about liberation," he said. "If we let them in here, they wouldn't have anything to do. This gives them a cause and a raison d'etre. I love women too much to take that away from them."



—News Photo by Geoffrey Gilbert  
Mr. Larrabee in front of a mural depicting an old, and all-male newspaper office.